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[Despatch Abstract.]

Liberia - Rubber Curing Yard, Cuttington - Petty Yard Officer for [illegible] - Proposal negatived - Special arrangement for issue of salt out of working hours -

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Ref: No. 3132-F/28.

Station Madras., *Dated the* 13th July 19

From (Name) Dr. B. Sundara Raj, M.A., Ph.D.,

(Designation) ~~Dr. B. Sundara~~ Director of Fisheries

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Development Department.

Sir,

Ref: My letter No. 2165-F/25-6 dated 16-7-26 disposed of in G.O.No. 1267 Miscellaneous Development dated 1-9-1926.

I enclose herewith a petition from the curers of the Udayavar fish curing yard praying that arrangements may be made for the issue of salt to them between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. the interval during which the Sub Inspector is off duty. In my letter No. 2165-F/25 dated 16-7-1926 I suggested an arrangement for the issue of salt between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. But Government in their order No. 1267 Miscellaneous Development dated 1st September 1926 said that they did not consider that any special arrangements

were necessary for the issue of salt for consignments of fish that might arrive at the yards between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. It is not improbable that the yard staff in several yards are issuing salt between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. If so, the work is attended to by peons who are on guard duty with the connivance of the officer in charge and they are being remunerated. It is not possible to detect such malpractices at times of heavy operations in the yards. The only means of prevent-ing malpractices is by giving facilities to curers to get salt when they need it.

2. During the busy fishing season between the 15th of October and 15th of January fish comes into the yard in large quantities at all parts of the day in the Udayavar yard. The mid-day sun being very strong, the fish brought into the yard about ~~the~~ noon ~~time~~ cannot wait till 3 P.M. for salting. When large catches are made the fish is brought into the yard for salting only after 5 or 6 hours after capture. It takes a long time for gutting and cleaning and transporting the fish from the beach to the Udayavar yard which can be approached only by boats from the beach. Moreover, the Udayavar river being too shallow near the fish curing yard the fish consignments can come only at high tide. The difficulties now felt in issuing salt between the said hours and promptly attending to overtime operations in this yard may be remedied by appointing a petty yard officer to the yard during the busy season. He will have to issue salt for the fish and to attend to overtime operations when the Sub Inspector is unable to do so.

3. I have therefore, the honour to request that Government will be pleased to sanction the appointment of a petty yard officer for this yard on Rs. 20/- temporarily for a period of three months viz., 15th October to 15th January in the year.

4. The expenditure during 1929-30 can be met from the appropriation under 35 C. Industries - Fisheries xiii Fish curing yards - Pay of Establishment - temporary in the current year's budget.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. [illegible]

Director of Fisheries.

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To

The Director of Fisheries,

M A D R A S,

Through,

The proper channel;

M A N G A L O R E.

Humble petition of the Curers of the Udiaver Fish Curing Yard with regard to Fish Curing in the Udiaver Yard, Dated 31st. October 1928.

Respected Sir,

We beg to place before you the following grievances of ours with regard to Fish Curing in the Udiaver Yard.

Hitherto, the Officers-in-Charge of the yard used to issue us salt for fish that arrived at the yard betweem 11A.M. and 3P.M. The present Sub Inspector tells us that he will not issue salt between 11A.M. and 3P.M. We understand that there is the government rule to that effect also. The rule works as a great hardship on us. On 28-10-'28, ticket -- numbers 21 and 15 had about 75000 Makerel which was brought to the yard at 11A.M. and as the salt was refused, the con--signment of the fish had to be buried. We had represented these things and also shown the spoiled fish to the Inspector Of Fisheries when he visited the yard on 30-10-'28. After that date, such of us, as had fish to be cured between 11A.M. and 3 P.M. did not bring the fish to the yard and such fish had to be converted into manure. This is a very great hard--ship. We earnestly pray that your Honour will be pleased to change the rule and relieve us from this hardship.

If on account of overtime work, the yard staff pleads inability to attend to the issue of salt between 11A.M. and 3 P.M., we request that a special petty officer may kindly be appointed for this yard for three months from 15th.October to 15th. January, solely for issuing salt between 11A.M. and 3P.M. and for overtime operations if any.

Further we beg to suggest, that this yard does not require a Sub Inspector from March to October. The sav-

savings from the pay of the Sub Inspector from March to Oct-ber may be utilised for the expenditure involved in appoin-ting a special Petty Officer from 15th. October to 15th. January.

We earnestly pray that early orders may kindly be passed on our representation as the fishing operations are in full swing now.

We beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
your most obedient Petitioners,

Sd. T.H.No.24 Sadia Marakala.

2. T.H. No 21. Kanta Hua Marakala.

3. Thumb impression of Guruva Marakala T.H.No 13.

4. T.H.No-1 Elias Silva.

5. T.H.No6 Rajani Pinto.

6. Thumb impression T.H No 5. Thania.

7. T.H.No17 Nakna Marakala.

8. T.H.11. Pakeer Saib.

9. Thumb impression of David Machado T.H.No8.

10. H. K. Ebrahim Saib T.H.No19.

Development Dept.

Fish curing yards - Udayavar - Temporary Petty Yard officer - Employment.

[CNo 2044/II] From the Director of Fisheries,

Ref. No 3132-F/28 dj 13.7.29.

To Asst. Secretary

Under the existing orders the hours of attendance in the fish curing yards on the west Coast during the fishing season of 7 months from September to March are between 8 and 11 A.M and between 3 to 9 P.M and during the non-fishing season of 5 months from ~~Septem~~ April to August between 8 and 11 A.M and between 3 and 6 P.M. The D.F. has proposed the appointment for the Udayavar fish curing yard of a Petty Yard officer on Rs 20 p.m. temporarily for a period of three months from[x] 15th October to 15th January every year to attend to the issue of salt between 11 A.M and 3 P.M, during which period the yard is closed, for consignments of ~~salt~~ fish that might arrive at the yard during this period. In the first place it seems doubtful whether the Petty Yard officer who is proposed essentially for work turning up between 11 A.M and 3 P.M. ~~would~~ will have sufficient work. The establishment at the Yard consists of one Sub-Inspector

para 54 at p 25 of the Madras Fisheries Manual, Part II

x i.e. the busy fishing season

; paras 2 and 3 at p 2 C.F

Entries in Columns 1 to 4 against item 7 in the Statement at p 33 of GONo 796 2.5.29 (2)

and 3 peons. The transactions of this yard when compared with those of other yards having the same strength of staff are comparatively light; no special arrangements ~~are now proposed~~ exist in these other yards for issue of salt between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. During the period from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. one of the three peons at the yard is kept on guard duty. A literate peon may be kept on guard duty during the fishing season and ten bags of salt may be left in his charge by the Sub Inspector for issue during this period. If there happens to be demand for more than ten bags of salt on any particular day, the services of the Sub Inspector may be requisitioned by the ticket-holders on payment of overtime fees. This arrangement would probably meet the requirements of in the present case. This arrangement does not involve any extra cost to Govt. by way of additional staff nor does it impose any additional overtime* fees on the Curers. In fact this arrangement was proposed by the D.F. in 1926; but Govt. then considered that as no such special arrangement for the issue of salt was necessary. ~~as to~~ Now that the necessity for making arrangements

Name of Yard	Consumption of salt in Md.
Udayavar	3,3[illegible]
Gangoli	6,54
Madai	9,8[illegible]
Tellicherry	9,[illegible]
Ex. Landr	8,9[illegible]
Parappanangadi	10,9[illegible]

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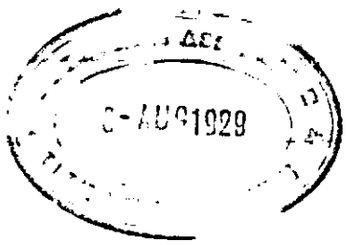
* except when more than 10 bags are demanded. para 2(2) at p 14 of Govt 1267 (G) 1-9-26 para 3 of order - 1339



for the issue of salt between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. has been fully explained, the arrangement suggested above may be adopted. The D. F. may first be consulted whether the arrangement suggested would meet the requirements in the present case and whether a general order may be issued directing the adoption of this arrangement in all yards on the west coast where there are literate peons during the ~~busy~~ fishing season of 7 months from September to March. The file may go w-o to D. F. for remarks.

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Dr. J. Fisheries w-o

Sec w-o. 20464-F/29-1
8.8.29

Fisheries Dept.

The arrangement suggested in the Secretariat notes would seem sufficient from the curer's point of view, but there are practical difficulties in following it. In the first place, there are not a sufficient number of peons who are capable of being in charge of yards on the west coast. It is reported that the number of literate peons in fish curing yards does not exceed 60. Of this number those that are capable of being placed in charge of yards number between 30 and 35. If peons are required in yards to issue salt between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. during day and night, each yard should be

manned by two peons capable of holding charg
to say, the number of peons capable of holding charge of yard that i
yards that is required, if the arrangement is to
be introduced in all fish curing yards would be
about 120.

It is true that in 1926 such an arrangement was proposed, but at that time the orders relating to the grant of holidays to Sub Inspectors had not issued and also the question of what would be the number of peons capable of holding charge of yards had not been examined. The objection raised in the notes that the Petty Yard Officer proposed essentially for work between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. would not have sufficient work would really apply to the entire fish curing yard establishment during the non-fishing months. When fishing is not brisk the yard staff has merely to keep waiting in the yard for fish that may turn up but apart from the clerical work that they have to do in fish curing yards, they have practically no work.

If we adopt a system of paying the additional staff required by the levy of overtime fees, ther is the danger of fish that arrives out of hours being shown as received during office hours and instead of the yard staff collecting overtime fees and crediting them to Government, payment would be made to them in the shape of a gratification. Whether the peons collect overtime fees or not they are entitled to their pay. The result would be

that while a fee is being collected from curers, that will not be credited to Government accounts. The only practical arrangement will be the appointment of extra staff during the fishing season in the bigger yards. I am of opinion that the additional staff appointed should be of the grade of Petty Yard Officer as temporary peons who receive a pay of only Rs.12/- per mensem will hardly be able to live within reseasonable comfort and are therefore likely to succumb to temptation. Petty Yard Officers can be recruited who will have received sufficient education to do their work and who will be content with Rs.20/- per mensem. The arrangement would probably be necessary only in 10 or 15 yards which have heavy operations and such yards yield a sufficient return to Government to maintain the additional establishment.

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D. F.

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Development Dept.

To Asst. Secretary

The Director says that there are only 10 or 15 yards on the west coast which have heavy operations and it appears that only in these yards Special arrangements are necessary

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for the issue of Salt between 11 A.M and 3 P.M during the heavy season from 15th October to 15th January. The Director has stated that there are about 30 to 35 literate peons in all the yards on the west Coast. It would appear that if the Director could arrange to keep a literate peon in each of the 10 or 15 big yards in which special arrangements for the issue of Salt between 11 A.M and 3 P.M during three Months in the year are necessary, the arrangement suggested at A at p 2 ante could be adopted. This literate peon may be kept on guard duty at the yard and he would not get any overtime fees for issuing salt between 11 A.M and 3 P.M. If the services of the Sub Inspector in Charge of the yard are requisitioned by the Curers during this period for issue of more than 10 bags of Salt, the Sub Inspector alone may be paid overtime fees. ~~The file may again be sent to the D.F. for remarks on the Suggestion.~~

p 2 ante

How are these fees Calculated?

Ans 4-10-29 ... we think now confine ourselves to the Wayanad yard. we may tell the D.F. that one of the literate peons in the yard may be given charge of ten bags for issue between 11 A.M and 3 P.M, larger consignments being made available when necessary by Sub-Inspectors who should be called in and paid overtime fees by the Curers.

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Dr. S.

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ORDER.

No. 1780, dated 21. 10. 1929

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The D. F. has recommended in his letter read above the appointment of a Petty yard officer on Rs 20 p.m temporarily for three months from 15th October to 15th January every year to attend to the issue of Salt at the Vedayavar fish Curing yard. ~~The Govt. cannot~~ Govt between the hours of 11 A.M and 3 P.M. The Govt. are not convinced of the need for a Petty yard officer for this purpose. They direct that one of the literate peons at the yard should be asked to attend to

this work. He should be entrusted with the charge of ten bags of salt and asked to maintain accounts for them. Should there be a demand from the Curers for more than this quantity of salt, the services of the Sub Inspector should be made available and he should be paid the usual scale of overtime fees by the Curers.

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To

The D.F.